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## WV & PA U.S. Small Business Administration District Offices Participates in “Meet the Lenders” Forum

**POINT MARION, PENNSYLVANIA** – Join the West Virginia and Pittsburgh district offices of the U.S. Small Business Administration for a “Meet the Lenders” forum, hosted by the River Town Program, at the Point Marion Volunteer Fire Department, Thursday, July 31 from 9-11 a.m.

This forum offers a unique opportunity to learn about financing opportunities with representatives from West Virginia and Pennsylvania lending institutions, economic development organizations, and other certified development companies.

Topics include:

- **Getting the Bank to Say Yes:** Melanie Ansell, founder, My Business Builders LLC
- **Covering your Needs from a Few Thousand to \$100,000:** Rick Haney, lender relations specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration's West Virginia District Office & Tim James, loan officer, Washington County Council on Economic Development & Business
- **USDA Rural Financing:** Dana Kendrick, economic development department manager, Fay-Penn Economic Development Council
- **Partnering a Deal:** Edward Nemeth, manager, Business Finance Assistance, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
- **Financing Options to Acquire and Improve Commercial Real Estate, and Capital Equipment:** Rebecca L. MacBlane, executive director, Regional Development Funding Corporation
- **Networking Session with Lenders & Small Business Resources:** From 10:00 - 11:00 Lenders, SCORE, and WVU's School of Business and Economics are available for questions and networking.

“It is important that small businesses know all the resources available to them,” states SBA WV District Director, Judy McCauley. “I encourage everyone to attend this workshop and learn about the loan-guarantee programs the SBA offers and the resources that are out there to help them.”

The Point Marion Volunteer Fire Department is located at 1 Cheat St, Point Marion, PA 15474. This is a free event but seating is limited. RSVP to Cathy McCollom at [csm@mccollomds.com](mailto:csm@mccollomds.com) or 814-395-9139.

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